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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT BANZER TO ARGENTINA

1. SUMMARY: STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA, GEN. HUGO BANZER SUAREZ, TO BUENOS AIRES NOV. 26-29 WAS BRIEF, ROUTINE, AND UNEXCITING, BUT SIGNIFICANT AS ONE MORE EVIDENCE OF THE CONTINUING DETERMINATION OF THE SOUTHERN CONE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS AMONG THEMSELVES. END SUMMARY.

2. BANZER ARRIVED ON FRIDAY NOV. 26, AND OVER WEEKEND ENTERED ON STANDARD ROUND OF CEREMONIES, MEDAL-PINNING, WREATH-LAYING, FORMAL CALLS, EXCHANGES OF FORMAL ENTERTAINMENT, AND MUTUAL ASSURANCES OF HIGHEST ESTEEM WITH HIS HOSTS. ARGENTINE PRESS AND PUBLIC TOOK HIM VERY MUCH IN STRIDE, WITH APPROPRIATE REPORTING OF OFFICIAL COMINGS AND GOINGS GIVEN ADEQUATE PLACE ALONGSIDE ARGENTINA -- USSR SOCCER MATCH AND FLASH THUNDERSTORM. PROBABLY MOST INTERESTING PART OF VISIT FOR BANZER WAS NOSTALGIC REUNION WITH FELLOW 1946 GRADUATES OF ARGENTINE MILITARY COLLEGE.

3. THREE MINOR AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED AND GIVEN PROMINENCE AS EVIDENCE OF ARGENTINE-BOLIVIAN DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS: A NATURAL
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GAS PURCHASE AGREEMENT EXTENDING PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS IN WHICH

ARGENTINA BUYS FROM BOLIVIA, AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH ARGENTINA WILL ASSIST IN CONTRUCTION OF A STRETCH OF ROAD IN BOLVIA BETWEEN PADCAYA AND BERMEJO, AND AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR A NEW DOCUMENT FOR DRIVERS AND CREWS OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. BANZER HELD PRESS CONFERENCE ON LAST DAY OF VISIT, DURING WHICH HE STATED THAT ARGENTINE-BOLIVIAN RELATIONS WERE AT HIGHEST LEVEL IN HISTORY. HE SAID THAT BOLIVIAN PEOPLE HAVE UNDERSTOOD BENEFITS OF STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH POLITICAL STABILITY PERMITS. (PRESS HAD COMMENTED A NUMBER OF TIMES ON BANZER'S EXTRAORDINARY, FOR BOLIVIA, DURABILITY IN OFFICE.) AMONG DIPLOMATIC NON-ANSWERS TO SOME QUESTIONS, HE PUT POSSIBLE FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES OF NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN US IN BLUNT PERSPECTIVE BY SAYING THAT "POLITICAL SPEECHES TO WIN THE NOMINATION ARE ONE THING, AND THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION ARE ANOTHER." HE ADDED THAT USG IS AWARE OF REALITIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN CARTER AND COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA WILL PROCEED FAVORABLY.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT BOLVIAN OUTLET TO SEA, HE PRODUCED PREPARED FORMAL STATMENT WHICH REVIEWED BOLIVIAN CASE, CITED CHILEAN AND PERUVIAN UNDERSTANDING OF BOLIVIAN QUEST FOR SALT WATER, OBSERVED THAT SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION WOULD BE PROOF OF SOLIDARITY OFT PROCLAIMED BY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AND DEMONSTRATION OF SOLUTION BASE ON INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE, INTOGRATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PERMANENT PEACE. (GOA MANAGED TO AVOID SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT OUTLET TO SEA QUESTION.)

6. COMMENT: PREDICTABLE AND ROUTINE AS VISIT WAS, IT PROVIDED ONE MORE PUBLIC EXAMPLE OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGES WHICH MILITARY GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTHERN CONE, AND BRAZIL, SEE IN DRAWING CLOSER TO ONE ANOTHER. SOME COMMENTATORS INEVITABLY RAISED TRADITIONAL SPECULATION ABOUT ARGENTINE-BRAZILIAN GEOPOLITICAL RIVALRIES AND RELATIONSHIP TO BOLIVIA, BUT THIS DID NOT GO BEYOND PRO FORMAT STAGE.
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